

## DISTRICT'S NEEDS

## Annual Report of the President of the Board of Trade.

## NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING URGED

## Many Matters of Local Interest Touched On.

## BUILDING MANUFACTORIES

The annual report of President Woodward of the board of trade, rendered at the meeting last night, was as follows:

The annual meeting of the Washington board of trade brings us together again to listen to a report of the work done for the year 1895-96. While we think we have accomplished some important things, we regret that we are not able to congratulate ourselves on the accomplishment of many things laid out for the past year's work.

The depression existing in nearly all sections of our country has been felt here, in no small degree, for the past three years by the business interests of the District, and has also had its effect in the halls of Congress upon all legislation, not only pertaining to District interests, but to all the country as well.

## The Treasurer's Report.

Our receipts for the year, from all sources, have been \$1,281.90.

Our expenditures for all purposes have been \$4,277.51.

Leaving a balance on hand of \$43.39.

This even has not been accomplished without the strictest economy and best management of our financial affairs.

## Executive Committee.

The only subject requiring special attention in the report of this committee was the question of the advisability of holding an interstate and international exposition in the city of Washington in 1900. After due consideration, the conclusion was communicated to the board of directors that, in the judgment of the committee, said exposition would not be feasible for reasons set forth in the committee's report.

## Question of Bridges.

The only change during the year in the condition of the proposed legislation, with respect to the Memorial bridge across the Potomac river is a favorable report from the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, submitted to the House January 30, 1896, on House bill 8222, "To provide for the construction of a Memorial bridge across the Potomac river." The committee urges that united action be taken to secure the passage of this bill.

The prospect of building a bridge across Rock creek on Massachusetts avenue extended is stated as good, as it is understood the District Commissioners will recommend in their annual report, the construction of such a bridge.

## Commerce and Manufactures.

This committee held several meetings during the year, at which were considered communications from parties in other states seeking information as to sites for manufacturing establishments in the District and industries for location here of such establishments, together with the subject of increasing such industries.

It is shown that, owing to the peculiar status of the District of Columbia, inducements to manufacturing are not as great as in the case of other cities, and that the location of manufacturing plants here, in the way of freedom from or reduction of taxation for a term of years, is not possible.

It is the opinion of the committee that, in spite of the disadvantages referred to for the location of manufacturing here, there are certain advantages which more than offset them: 1. A large and constantly increasing number of unemployed men and women willing and competent to work in manufacturing establishments.

2. The availability of sites for factories; available water power and cheap steam power; fine transportation facilities by rail and water. 3. A cosmopolitan population, whose patronage for manufacturing products is distributed throughout the world, in this country and abroad.

The committee closes its report by briefly mentioning the fact that the District Commissioners are now located in the District, stating at the same time that there is pressing the belief that many others, and especially public utility companies, should be located in the District.

In this city and in adjoining counties, Maryland and Virginia of such manufacturing as will flourish in successful competition with other cities, and at the same time, will not tend to injure the national capital by affecting harmfully its inhabitants.

## Membership.

The membership committee have been unusually diligent, and have succeeded in adding thirty new members to the board, and thirty have resigned removed or died, leaving the membership at 487—the same as last year. We regret to report the loss by death of the following members: E. B. Bryan, Charles C. Chamberlin, Maj. H. L. Crawford, Francis R. Faye, Dr. Joseph C. McKibben, William H. Webb and William H. West.

## Perks and Reservations.

The committee note with gratification that each and every case involving the question as to the title to certain land in litigation, part of which was included in the reclaimed "Potomac flats," the decision was in favor of the United States.

Persistent effort was made to have the reclaimed flats set apart for a national park, but a provision for this purpose was unfortunately omitted from the bill of appropriation. The committee recommends that the bill be amended so that the reclaimed flats be set apart for a national park, and that the bill be amended so that the reclaimed flats be set apart for a national park.

## Public Health.

This committee renews its recommendation of last year, except so far as relates to the enactment of a law to regulate the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia, and the enactment of a law to regulate the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia.

The committee expresses the belief that the efforts of the board of trade and the committee of the board of trade would accomplish satisfactory progress to the benefit of the District.

## Sewerage.

In the early part of January, 1896, the subject of the necessity for an adequate system of sewerage disposal was considered with great care. Shortly afterward a special committee was appointed to consider the subject, and to report to the board of trade.

The committee was organized on January 25, 1896, and has since that time been actively engaged in its work. It has held several meetings, and has received many suggestions from the public.

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## Public Library.

The committee on public library report gratifying progress, having secured the initiative legislation to establish and maintain a free public library in the city of Washington.

In accordance with this, the Commissioners have appropriated a fund of \$10,000, and included in their estimate for the District appropriation bill the modest appropriation of \$3,300 for the maintenance of the library as an adjunct of the public schools.

We urge all members of the board of trade to give this project their hearty support, and to encourage the public to contribute to the library as an adjunct of the public schools. We urge all members of the board of trade to give this project their hearty support, and to encourage the public to contribute to the library as an adjunct of the public schools.

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## FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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annual appropriations. In the opinion of the committee by the fact that the entire appropriation for this purpose for the past seven years has been but \$75,000, while the construction of the entire system will require \$2,500,000.20, and at the above rate, a period of sixty years.

The committee notes the fact that the condition of the water front is constantly becoming worse and earnestly renews its recommendation of 1895, that the board of trade use its best endeavors to have passed during the coming session of Congress a bill authorizing the issue of low rate interest bonds in the amount required for the construction of the system of sewerage disposal, recommended by the board of sanitary engineers and for the building of the necessary trunk sewers in the District of Columbia.

The hope is expressed that Congress will enact such legislation as will render operative the street extension act law, and in the judgment of the committee, the influence of the board of trade should be exerted toward obtaining such legislation.

The statement is made that the appropriations made by Congress at its last session for the purpose of repairing streets are being expended by the District Commissioners with beneficial results.

## Transportation.

This committee reports that there has been no occasion during the year for the agitation or investigation of any matters coming within the scope of its province.

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## MANY AFTER OFFICE.

Those Who Are Mentioned for Federal Positions in Maryland.

Minor Places Now Protected by the Civil Service Law—Mudd Out for the Senatorship.

Correspondence of The Evening Star.

BALTIMORE, Md., November 9, 1896.

Although the excitement incident to the election itself, and the disturbance created by the enthusiasm of the local silverites at the later reports, which seemed to render McKinley's victory doubtful, have scarcely subsided, speculation is already well under way as to who will fill the federal offices, and numbers of republicans have announced their willingness to serve their country in any capacity whatsoever.

The local headquarters have been crowded continuously since election day by party workers of all degrees of prominence, both white and black, who are anxious to learn what prospect there is of their "being looked after" by Mr. Wellington.

Mr. Wellington is in the House of Representatives and is more accessible, and his lives are being made a veritable burden.

Civil Service Bars Many.

The majority of the ward workers, who have heretofore neglected to inform themselves as to the broad extension of the classified service by President Cleveland, have found it out within the last two days, and are in many instances highly indignant to learn that all the minor offices in the customhouse, post office and other federal departments are practically out of their reach.

It is difficult to convince these men, many of whom are old and experienced, that the new order of things is now being inaugurated, and that the democratic officials are not to be swept out as soon as McKinley is inaugurated, and it is easy to perceive that civil service reform does not commend itself to them.

## Probable Postmaster.

It is the general belief among those who discuss the distribution of the more important offices that Mr. William T. Henderson will succeed Mr. S. Davies Warfield as postmaster, and that Mr. Henderson has been chosen by the committee on registration, and the efficiency he displayed during the entire campaign, and it is thought that the Senator-elect will indicate his appreciation of his services by doing so.

The whole District.

It is a fact worthy of further consideration in this connection, that the seat of government of the United States is not simply Washington, but the District of Columbia, as appears from the act of July 16, 1790, S. Stat. at L., vol. 1, p. 139, section 2, which provides that the seat of government shall be in the city of Washington, known as the city of Washington, and that the seat of government of the United States shall, by virtue of this act, be transferred to the District and place aforesaid.

Besides, the suburbs and the city so far as health and the general well-being of the District are concerned, are one and the same thing, and the health and the general well-being of the District are one and the same thing.

It would seem, therefore, that the street extension plan and the system of sewerage disposal are necessary and essential parts of the health and the general well-being of the District, and should go hand in hand.

In all ages the glory and power of a nation have been exemplified to the world by the beauty of its cities, the grandeur of its buildings, the magnificence of its temples of its chief city, the capital.

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